(ख) रेलवे द्वारा दुर्घटनाओं में मारे गए व्यक्तियों के निकट संबंधियों और घायलों को किस रूप में तथा कितना मुआवजा दिया गया ; और

(ग) दुर्घटनाओं के कारण क्या हैं और इस संबंध में उक्त जांच समिति द्वारा की गई सिफारिशें क्या हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. सी. लेंका) : (क) चालू वित्त वर्ष के अन्तिम छः महीनों (अप्रैल से सितंबर, 1993) के दौरान भारतीय रेलों पर 283 गाड़ी दुर्घटनायें हुईं जिनमें 246 व्यक्तियों की जानें गईं और 498 व्यक्ति घायल हुए।

(ख) रेल गाड़ी दुर्घटनाओं के कारण मृतक के निकट संबंधियों या घायल व्यक्तियों को मृत्यु के मामलों में 2 लाख रु० की राशि और चोट के मामले में निकट व्यक्तियों को 16,000 रुपए से लेकर 1.8 लाख रुपए तक की क्षतिपूर्ति का भुगतान करती हैं।

(ग) ये दुर्घटनायें मुख्यतः मानवीय भूलों, रेल कर्मचारियों से भिन्न व्यक्तियों की गलती, तोड़फोड़ और आनुषंगिक कारणों की वजह से हुई थीं, प्रत्येक दुर्घटना की जांच रेल संरक्षा आयुक्तों अथवा विभागीय/अन्तर्विभागीय समितियों द्वारा की जाती है और उनकी रिपोर्टों के आधार पर समुचित कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Foreign trust funds funding for Konkan Railway Project

787. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain foreign trust funds have shown interest in part funding the Konkan Railway project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the conditionalities for part funding the Konkan Railway project;

(c) the decision, if any taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Number of Bridges under Eastern Railways in Bihar

788. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges which are under the Eastern Railways in the State of Bihar with district-wise details;

(b) the number of such bridges which are in need of replacement or repairs district-wise and what action is being taken by the Railways in this regard; and

(c) the amount of expenditure that was incurred by the Railways towards repairing bridges in Bihar during the last three years with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 3548. District-wise details are not maintained.

(b) 88 Nos. Repairs of 27 Nos. are in hand and targetted for completion in 93-94. District-wise details are not maintained.

(c) Accountal of expenditure is not maintained State-wise.

Lack of basic amenities at Railway Stations in Western Railway

789. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrangements of passengers amenities like drinking water, waiting-room, electricity, public urinals and cleanliness are not adequate at Rajkot, Jamnagar, Amreli and Junagarh Railway Stations (in Western Railway);

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the public and passenger associations in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to provide adequate passenger amenities at these stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No representation has been received in the recent past. However, upgradation of amenities/facilities for the passengers is a continuous process depending on the volume of passenger traffic and availability of resources.

Withdrawal of trains running between Delhi-Jakhal section

790. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of trains running between Delhi-Jakhal section were withdrawn/curtailed in view of the extremism in Punjab; and

(b) if so, whether Govtrnment propose to resume the train services which were suspended as the situation has been normalised in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two pairs of trains were cancelled between Delhi and Bathinda and Jind and Firozpur sections have since been restored. The running of 3 pairs of Express trains, which were diverted to run via Ambala, have also been restored via Jakhal.

Construction of railway line between Hissar-Patiala-Chandigarh

791. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a Railway line between Hissar-Patiala-Chandigarh via Hissar-Barwala-Narwana-Pattran-Patiala;

(b) whether Government are aware that the paddy rich areas of Khanouri, Pattran, Samana have not any rail links;

(c) whether Government are also aware that this rail link would provide a direct access to the South Western Districts Hissar, Bhiwani, Sirsa, Narwana, Jind and Kaithal of Haryana a short route for Chandigarh; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what action Government intend to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Constraints of resources. Consideration of this line will have to wait till resources position improves and some of the ongoing projects get completed.

Modernisation of railway station in Tamil Nadu

792. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some railway stations in Tamil Nadu have been modernised;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of remaining railway stations in Tamil Nadu which are required to be modernised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.